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## **SELLS MAN GUILTY OF SEXUAL ABUSE SENTENCED TO 95 MONTHS PRISON AND LIFETIME SUPERVISED RELEASE**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Winterhawk Liston, 27, of Sells, Arizona and an enrolled member of the Tohono O'odham Indian Nation, was sentenced here Monday to 95 months incarceration by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson. Liston had pleaded guilty on May 8, 2006 to two counts of Sexual Abuse of a Minor.

The charges stemmed from an investigation that was initiated after Liston's girlfriend reported that Liston had sexually assaulted her niece. The victim was 13 years old at the time of the sexual abuse. The counts to which Liston pled guilty detailed two separate acts of sexual abuse occurring on July 31st and August 1st, 2004. Liston was arrested on August 1, 2004, by the Tohono O'odham Police Department and was held in tribal custody for almost a year before being transferred to federal custody, where he has remained to date.

The sentence of 95 months incarceration will be followed by lifetime supervised release with a number of conditions, to include the condition that Liston register as a sex offender.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Tohono O'odham Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Judson T. Mihok, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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